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Planning Board Meeting Summary September 23, 2010

At its meeting on September 7th, the Town Council had expressed a number of concerns with a draft ordinance to allow small wind turbines (up to 35 feet in height, up to 20 kW capacity) under certain conditions. The Planning Board was asked to conduct another review of the draft ordinance in light of the Council's comments. Planning Director Joe Heard commented that he had shared the Council's comments with the applicant, who revised her initial proposal to address many of the concerns. The applicant, Claiborne Yarbrough, spoke with the Board members about three of the comments expressed by the Town Council:

1. Certain Council members had expressed a concern that the proposed ordinance would permit multiple small wind turbines on the same property. Yarbrough commented that, due to their size and limited capacity, multiple small wind turbines would be necessary to meet the needs of many properties. She had compromised by amending her draft ordinance to allow multiple turbines on Beach Commercial properties, but limiting residential properties to a single turbine. The Board members supported this approach to the issue.
2. Certain Council members had questioned why the capacity for small wind energy facilities was as high as 20 kW (kilowatt), noting that many small wind turbines could be placed on a property before this standard is reached. Yarbrough stated that the 20kW figure comes from the State's model ordinance on wind energy and is used to define "small wind energy facilities". Planning Board Chairman Oscar Northen pointed out that if the height and number of turbines are restricted, there is no need to place a cap on the energy capacity. In fact, the more energy that can be produced, the better.
3. Certain Council members had expressed an interest in requiring all wind turbines to be conditional uses, requiring Planning Board and Town Council review, rather than uses of right that could be approved administratively. Yarbrough stated strong concerns that the additional time and expense associated with a conditional use would turn off a lot of prospective small wind turbine owners. The Planning Board was split on this issue. Several members questioned why a conditional use process would be necessary when

potential issues (height, setbacks, appearance, noise, maintenance, etc.) are already addressed by the proposed ordinance. Other members countered that the conditional use process would be a good first step for wind energy, until any issues can be ironed out.

Following the discussion, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the draft small wind energy ordinance, as amended by the applicant, with one other minor amendment at the recommendation of the Town Attorney.

Next, the Board members reviewed a conditional use permit application to establish a day care center for up to 96 children in the existing building at 4009 N. Croatan Highway (formerly Bert's Surf Shop). Planning Director Heard and applicant Trish Riley presented information about the proposal. The Board members thoroughly reviewed the proposal, with most of the discussion centering on the internal traffic flow, parking requirements, and stormwater management. The town engineer requested stormwater calculations to document the compliance of the site. After reviewing standards from a variety of communities, the Planning Board decided that the parking on site was sufficient to accommodate the proposed use. The Board members voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed day care center with certain conditions.

State Officials to Host Coastal Workshops on Reptiles and Amphibians

Officials with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and N.C. Division of Coastal Management will host two upcoming workshops in Kitty Hawk about the reptiles and amphibians of the Outer Banks.

The first workshop will be from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Kitty Hawk Town Hall, 101 Veteran's Memorial Road. Biologists will present different species common to the region and participants will learn about these species through hands-on activities.

For the second workshop, participants will meet at 9 a.m. Oct. 6 at the N.C. Coastal Reserve Northern Sites Office, 983 West Kitty Hawk Road. From there, participants will join biologists in the field checking traps and cover boards for reptiles and amphibians. The second workshop will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Both workshops will be geared toward people at least 14 years old. The workshops cover basic biology, habitat requirements and identification.

Participants may take either workshop or sign up for both. The workshops are free, but registration is required. To register, call (252) 453-0221, ext. 3, or visit <https://ncpaws.org/reservations/corolla/CalendarView.aspx>. Directions and additional information will be provided upon registration.

For more information, contact N.C. Coastal Reserve Northern Sites manager Bo Dame at (252) 261-8891.

Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup – Fall 2010 September 18 – October 2

The finery of fall is right around the corner. You can make fall in North Carolina even more beautiful by participating in the N.C. Department of Transportation *Litter Sweep* roadside cleanup that will take place September 18 – October 2, 2010. This is your opportunity to demonstrate your support for a clean North Carolina by organizing a community cleanup during *Litter Sweep*. For more information please call the Litter Sweep Hotline at 1-800-331-5864 or online at www.ncdot.gov/~beautification.

Opportunities to Participate

Town Council Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Board of Adjustments Meeting

Monday, October 11, 2010 at 4 p.m.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)